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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

TO THE DEMOCRACY OF OHIO.

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Mass Convention of Working Men in Philadelphia.

A Convention of representatives from the various

manufacturing establishments in Philadelphia,

was held on Wednesday evening, at the

Spring Garden Hall. About two hundred

persons were present, representing nearly all

the trades of the city. A. S. KENNEDY, Esq., was

chosen President.

The President, in a brief address, thanked the

meeting for the compliment paid him, and said:

"We have met, not for the purpose of denouncing

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But in respect to our own territories, a

totality of different states of things exists.

The property land on which they settle,

is used by every citizen of the United

States, as well as themselves. They are but

tenants in common. They go on to a property

held in trust for all. And until a division takes

place through the agency of the United States

governments, in the hands of the United

States, by virtue of their powers, no individual

citizen has title to that which he occupies.

And, no citizen so occupying and occupying

has no power to question the right of any other

citizen as to the description of property he

shall bring into the Territory; nor can he do

anything to lessen the value of such property.

And as to the question of protection of property,

no need recur to that fact, as no government,

whether State or Territorial, can have any

proper exercise without the protection of all

property, and on a failure of such protection,

whether in State or Territory, it becomes necessary

for a free people to exercise to the exercise

of their sovereignty, to secure that which their

political organization has failed to afford.

8th. We hold it to be erroneous to say that a

Territorial Government has power to regulate

adversely to the possession and protection of

property in slaves.

9th. We hold it to be equally erroneous, if not

absurd, to say that the Congress of the United

States has no power to regulate adversely to

the corresponding power to recognize its existence

or security, within such Territory.

10th. We hold that the Congress of the United

States has no power to regulate adversely to the

trust power, but no control whatever over the

subject of negro slavery in any territory of the

United States.

11th. The question has arisen as to what time

the people of a territory of the United States

should have the right to exercise such rights of

sovereignty, as are adequate to the establishment

of a State government for territories.

The Constitution fixes no time, or event, or

epoch, and we can see no reason why the

people should have the right to exercise that

power until they are competent in numbers to meet

the constitutional requirements of a State.

A late Attorney General advances an opinion

which we cannot adopt. He says: "That the

people of a territory must wait until the

great power of a sovereign State is regularly

exercised, and then, and only then, can the

people exercise the right to exercise that

power, which always accompanies a

sovereign power in human hands."

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H. B. No. 364.—To amend sections 9, 5 and 6

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H. B. No. 367.—To amend section 13 of the

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